

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW BERLIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
1:00 PM
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee of the Whole at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Call Meeting To Order

Mayor Jack Chiovaturo called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Roll Call; Declaration Of Quorum; Public Notice

Present: Alderman Hopkins, Wysocki, Seidl, Harenda, Moore and Ament. Alderman Poshepny resigned August of 2009. Also present: City Clerk Marilyn Gauger, Police Chief Joe Rieder, City Engineer JP Walker, Fire Chief Ed Dobernig, Administrative Assistant Deb Delikat, Streets Manager Don Ullman, Administrative Supervisor Sue Hanley, Finance Director Mike Holzinger, Administrative Supervisor Kaye Giesegeh, Police Captain Frank Zsohar, City Assessor Paul Koller, IT Director Nick Roethel, Human Resource Director Tami Potkay, Inspector and Emergency Manager Scott Schulpius, Maintenance Supervisor Ernie Giesegeh, Stormwater Engineer Nicole Hewitt, Park, Recreation & Forestry Director Mark Schroeder, Facilities Management Director Bob Schulpius, Planning Services Manager Nikki Jones, Community Development Director Greg Kessler, Lead Inspector Al Wnek, Library Director Katie Schulz, Deputy Library Director Melissa Schneider, Park Supervisor Andy Reshel, Administrative Coordinator Cheryl Bowers and Police Captain Steve Morris.

This meeting was noticed on September 14, 2009 in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Mayor Chiovaturo read his executive budget summary which is on file in the City Clerk's office. The levy increase is 6.15% which includes using the \$1Million of our surplus reserve fund. The 2009 department cuts that were made during this year were not reflected in the document presented.

Review, Discuss And Possible Action On The Proposed 2010 Department Operating Budgets. The order of discussion is as follows:

There was discussion on: analysis of privatizing certain services; the increase from the Wisconsin Retirement System; the 7.56% increase in the city's assessed value; the over 6% increase in taxes that will result if this budget goes through; decrease in revenues and continuing to cut and at the same time keeping current city services; part time Social Worker position at the Police Department; salary increase for non-represented employees; that 72% of the budget is for wages and benefits; unions will need to open their contracts or there will be lay-offs; sharing of services with other municipalities; a failing system at Police Department and the possible switch of the city's dispatch center to the Waukesha County system.

POLICE - \$10,249,187

Police Chief Rieder and Captain Zsohar were present to answer questions. Questions followed on maintenance costs; new equipment (continuing with the Crown Vic autos); possible early retirements; 2 positions that remain unfilled; ½ time social worker position is not funded; when is overtime paid out and that it (overtime) is reduced; only increase are wages and benefits; other line items realize savings. Aldermen requested information on where the donation funds are expensed, a breakdown of the overtime account and conference and training accounts. Chief Rieder will also provide a recommendation to Council on the city going to the County Dispatch Center. No actions or adjustments were made.

FIRE – \$3,086,220

Fire Chief Ed Dobernig and Administrative Assistant Deb Delikat were present to answer questions. There were many questions on the number of personnel currently; number of personnel at each fire station; lack of fulltime personnel at the new fire station #3 and if additional personnel was included within the proposed budget. Chief Dobernig indicated the personnel remain the same however he continues to request the filling of the Assistant Chief position (\$114,019) and 7 additional fulltime personnel (\$329,000). Chief indicated there is 24 hour a day coverage which began 1 year ago and hours have increased by 30% but did not involve increase

in wages. Included in the budget is the replacement of 3 rescue squads. Aldermen asked for a breakdown of uniforms; equipment and training accounts. Cuts were made to the 2009 accounts by approximately \$21,000. Chief indicated that staffing of 1 fulltime and 2 part time is planned for Fire Station #2 in 2012. No actions or adjustments were made.

Break taken at this time.

STREETS - \$4,467,671

Streets Manager Don Ullman & Administrative Supervisor Sue Hanley were present to answer questions. Salt was the biggest increase – from \$261,922 to \$410,000. Discussion followed on: use of salt vs. sand on highways; cleanup costs; maintenance costs for all city vehicles including some from the Fire Department; number of employees (28 with 1 vacancy never filled); impact to operations if reduced staff and fuel costs. Cuts were made to the 2009 accounts in fuel and electricity totaling approximately \$180,000. No actions or adjustments were made.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION - \$333,584

DCD Director Greg Kessler, City Engineer JP Walker and Planning Services Manager Nikki Jones were present to answer questions.

Budget remained the same except for wages. Discussion followed on: Outsourcing of some operations – Director Kessler indicated he looked at providing our services to other municipalities; however did not look at outsourcing our services. He did not recommend outsourcing of our GIS services. No actions or adjustments were made.

Planning Division - \$307,434

Discussion followed on: What more the department can do to be proactive with economic development; having a greater presence with businesses in our industrial parks; staff attending specific meetings with businesses; conferences as relates to certifications and not always knowing in advance when training sessions will be held. No actions or adjustments were made.

Inspections - \$596,419

Discussion followed on: why cell phones are budgeted at different amounts for same number of phones – IT Director explained has to do with types of phones (data vs voice) and being in the process of combining all phones into one account; construction is down why budget increased and keeping 7 fulltime personnel when building is down. Cuts for the 2009 budget were approximately \$5,000 from phones, office supplies and training/conferences. No actions or adjustments were made.

Engineering - \$1,108,537

Discussion followed on: the 220 miles of roads; being more aggressive on roadway rehab because 60% are in the area that need repair; using maintenance to keep the new roads sealed which keeps water out from under the roads; and if staff receives overtime – answer no they accrue comp time. No actions or adjustments were made.

Mayor Chiovero asked the Aldermen to email his Executive Assistant Melody Styba with dates to continue reviewing the following department budgets: Park, Recreation & Forestry; NBAA; 4th Of July Commission; Library; IT; Building Maintenance ; Finance; Human Resources; City Clerk; City Attorney; Municipal Court and City Assessor.

Possible action to forward 2010 Operating Budgets to Common Council

No action taken.

Review, Discuss and Possible Action on the 2010 CIP Budget

No action taken.

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to adjourn at 4:50 PM. Seconded by Alderman Seidl and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Marilyn Gauger, MMC/WCPC
City Clerk